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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) No person shall cause  
2       or allow a motor vehicle to operate for more than three consecutive  
3       minutes when such motor vehicle is not in motion, except as follows:
- 4       (1) When a motor vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of  
5       traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator  
6       has no control;
- 7       (2) When it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling  
8       equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver or passengers;
- 9       (3) When it is necessary to operate auxiliary equipment that is  
10      located in or on the motor vehicle to accomplish the intended use of  
11      the motor vehicle;
- 12      (4) When it is necessary to bring the motor vehicle to the  
13      manufacturer's recommended operating temperature;
- 14      (5) When the outdoor temperature is below twenty degrees

15 Fahrenheit;

16 (6) When the motor vehicle is undergoing maintenance or an  
17 inspection that requires such motor vehicle be operated for more than  
18 three consecutive minutes;

19 (7) When a motor vehicle is in queue to be inspected by United  
20 States military personnel prior to gaining access to a United States  
21 military installation;

22 (8) When a law enforcement, firefighting rescue or emergency  
23 vehicle is in the course of responding to an emergency; or

24 (9) When a motor vehicle is in a queue at a drive-in establishment.

25 For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any automobile  
26 or truck, and does not include any motor vehicle when used for off-  
27 road farming, and "farming" shall have the same meaning as in section  
28 1-1 of the general statutes.

29 (b) A violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the idling for more than three consecutive minutes of any motor vehicle, except for certain exempted purposes.